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Subject: **VIOLATION OF PROCUREMENT RULE 2004, GENERAL MANAGER (P&CA), NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY, ISLAMABAD'S TENDER NOTICE FOR PERIODIC MAINTENANCE WORK.**

Please refer to your letter No. TL15/038/5A dated 3rd August 2015 on the captioned.

Vide above referred letter your good self has mentioned violation of one of the PPRA rules i.e. Rule -23 in procurement process of PM Works of Sindh – South region. In this regard, the following is submitted:

- NIT was published in Newspaper on 29th July 2015 with date of Bid Opening as 20th August 2015. So, Twenty Three (23) days overall response time was given to the prospective bidders. The document availability date was clearly mentioned as 03.08.2015 giving 18 days time for preparation of bids and related things. The time thus given is more than the minimum response time fixed by PPRA vide Rule -13 i.e. 15 days. As such there is no violation of PPRA rules 2004.
- It is further clarified that despite the fact that date for availability of bidding documents was mentioned as 3rd August 2015 in NIT, all bidding documents were uploaded on 30th July 2015 i.e. very next day to the publication of NIT.

2. We understand that the above mentioned explanation clarifies the situation, please.


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CC:

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